X.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS LOCAL BOARDS ACT, 1920.

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" Mr. President, I move for leave to introduce the Bill to amend the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—" I introduce the Bill."

XI.—THE KAPILESWARAPURAM IMPARTIBLE ESTATES BILL.

The Zamindar of Mirzapuram:—" Mr. President, I move for leave to introduce the Kapileswarapuram Impartible Estates Bill."

The Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The Zamindar of Mirzapuram:—" I introduce the Bill."

XII.—THE MANGAVARAM, ANAKAPALLE AND NAKKAPALLE IMPARTIBLE ESTATES BILL.

The Zamindar of Kirlampudi:—" Mr. President, I move for leave to introduce the Mangavaram, Anakapalle and Nakkapalle Impartible Estates Bill."

The Zamindar of Mirzapuram:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The Zamindar of Kirlampudi:—" I introduce the Bill."

[Mr. M. Devadasan, who gave notice of a motion to move for leave to introduce the Mangavaram, Anakapalle and Nakkapalle Estates Bill, was not in his place when called by the hon. the President.]

XIII.—THE MONEY-LENDERS' BILL.

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" Mr. President, I move for leave to introduce the Money-lenders' Bill."

Mr. R. Madanagopal Nayudu:—" I second it."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Mr. President, I oppose the motion. We do not know what the principles of the Bill for which are asked to give leave for introduction are. Therefore, I should like to have an idea of the subject-matter of the Bill."

* Mr. C. Basu Dev:—" Sir, I least expected to meet with opposition to this Bill especially from my hon. Friend Mr. Arasu at this stage. I have not even got a copy of the Bill with me now as I thought 'leave to introduce' was very formal matter and as the name of the Bill itself was sufficiently indicative of its purpose. This Bill is intended to protect the interests of the large number of debtors from the clutches of money-lenders. Certain classes of money-lenders in this country keep accounts in a language which is little understood by the people. Further the rate of interest charged on the loans given by them ranges from 12 to 75 per cent per annum, and in fact there is no limit to the rate that may be charged by them. A copy of the Bill